

IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title as follows and as presented in the substitute specification filed concurrently herewith.

-- NEAR-FIELD LIGHT GENERATING METHOD[[,]] AND NEAR-FIELD
~~EXPOSURE MASK~~ OPTICAL HEAD USING A LIGHT BLOCKING METAL FILM
HAVING A FINE OPENING WHOSE SIZE IS NOT MORE THAN A WAVELENGTH OF
IRRADIATED LIGHT, AND NEAR-FIELD ~~EXPOSURE METHOD AND APPARATUS~~
OPTICAL MICROSCOPE HAVING THE OPTICAL HEAD --.